

Our Guthridge Mills and Bynumville correspondence are left out this week on account of our going to press a day earlier than usual, and they did not reach us in time.

Messrs. R. W. Cooper, one of Missouri township's prominent farmers and good citizens, and J. L. Hise, Indian Grove's wide-awake druggist, are new readers of the COURIER.

David Vasser, of five miles south of Keytesville, squared himself on our subscription books Wednesday to March 24th, 1898. Thanks. Ditto, Geo. W. McNew, of five miles northwest of town, to Dec. 18th, 1897.

Miss Elizabeth Hill, who is now visiting friends at San Francisco, writes back to Keytesville home folks that California's climate is as balmy in December as Missouri's May, and that flowers are blooming there in rich profusion.

The A. O. U. W. lodge at Keytesville will elect new officers for the ensuing year on Tuesday night of next week. The presence of every member of the lodge is earnestly desired. Following the election of officers refreshments will be served.

John C. Maddox, of near Cazzell, who is one of the COURIER's appreciative readers, deposited \$1 with us last Tuesday to renew his subscription to Jan. 22, 1898. Mr. Maddox is one of our subscribers who never allows his subscription to get in arrears.

The ladies of the Methodist church say that they misinformed the COURIER, by mistake, last week as to the net amount of money cleared at their church fair on the 16th inst. for the benefit of the parsonage fund. The net proceeds were \$116 instead of \$135.

Miss Lucile Hill, one of Keytesville's estimable young ladies, who is attending school at Mount Vernon seminary at Washington, D. C., will divide her holiday vacation between relatives at Germantown, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia, and her brother, Frank W. in New York City.

Messrs. A. F. Tooley and M. A. Prather were taken out by G. M. Dewey, Jr., and J. J. Ward Tuesday night ostensibly for a coon hunt, but it turned out to be a sniping affair, and it is said that Lon and Marcellus couldn't look "a snipe" in the face now even if they were to meet it in its accustomed haunts.

Judge J. B. White, one of Randolph county's level-headed county court judges, honored the COURIER with a highly appreciated call while in Keytesville last Wednesday. The judge will make final settlement with the probate court of his affairs as administrator of the estate of D. B. White, deceased, at the next February term.

De Witt Guthridge, for many years a resident of Salt Creek township, has sold his farm, and will, we understand, move to Ohio, but we did not learn in what part of the Buckeye state he will take up his residence nor in what vocation he intends to engage. The COURIER hopes that he may be able to redeem that state from its present Republican thralldom and permanently plant her on the side of rock-ribbed Democracy. At all events, we are confident that Mr. Guthridge will enter his earnest individual protest against Ohio's ever being carried by the Republicans again.

The replevin suit of A. J. Wilkinson vs. Constable F. M. Veatch, in which the plaintiff will seek to recover two ponies from the defendant, will come up for trial in Justice J. M. DeMoss' court next Monday. The ponies in question are the ones that Constable Veatch recently levied on for the purpose of selling to satisfy a judgment awarded Gracie Wilkinson against her stepbrother, Claude Wilkinson, for the sum of \$8, an account of which was given in the last issue of the COURIER. The plaintiff in next Monday's replevin suit will set up the claim that the ponies are his, and that he bought them from his son, Claude.

Rev. D. V. Price, of Bristol, Tenn., the Methodist evangelist who held such a successful meeting here almost a year ago, preached two excellent sermons in the circuit court room at the courthouse last Sunday morning and Sunday night, and was greeted by large congregations at both the morning and evening service. Rev. Price has many warm friends in Keytesville, while he is in love with the Keytesville people generally. We never knew a minister who could preach abler sermons than Rev. Price with as little seeming effort.

Cords are out announcing the approaching nuptials of Dr. C. W. Newman of Norman, Ok., and Miss Lavenia A. Gilliam, of Brunswick, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Gilliam, at high noon on Wednesday, Dec. 30th, 1896. We know nothing of the to-be bridegroom further than that which recommends him to our good opinion in his having been chosen by Miss Lavenia as her bege lord. We are, however, well acquainted with the prospective bride. She is a young lady of many graces of both head and heart, and is numbered among Chariton county's versatile school ma'ns.

The revival meeting at Adams chapel, five miles northeast of Keytesville, conducted by Rev. S. W. Johnson, of the M. E. church, South, closed last Friday night, after having continued for five weeks. There were 30 conversions and 10 additions to the Methodist flock at that place. The other 20 converts will cast their lot with other denominations. Besides the 30 converts, the church members generally were awakened to a more zealous worship of the blessed Master and a much more cordial Christian feeling toward one another. The meeting was a glorious one, and Bro. Johnson and those who so faithfully assisted him have every reason to be gratified over the result.

H. D. Branstetter, of Chicago, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. James A. Snyder, and will remain until after the holidays. Mr. Branstetter is an employee of the Chicago & Alton Railway Co., and in 1890 met with a horrible accident such as but few railroad men have ever survived to relate. While braking on a freight train on the C. & A. railroad in the year named Mr. Branstetter fell, head foremost, from the top of a car and was rendered unconscious from the fall or from being struck by a brake-beam, which rolled him to the center of the track, and the entire train passed over his prostrate body, inflicting him only to the extent of a few slight cuts and several severe bruises.

Deputy Sheriff L. A. Fairbee went to Moberly last Monday to look after the interests of the state in two cases for gambling, the parties having been convicted in the Chariton county circuit court two or three years ago. One of them, J. H. Fuller, made final payment on his fine and costs, amounting to something over \$38, and the other party, Edgar DeMoss, was brought to Keytesville by Mr. Embree and made arrangements to pay his fine and costs, amounting to about \$32, within the next 10 days. DeMoss returned to Moberly Monday night. It may be very properly said that under Sheriff Dempsey's administration as sheriff that "no guilty man escapes," no matter what may be his race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

The motion for a new trial in the case of George Watson, an agent for the Otto Gas Engine Co., of Philadelphia, against James Bushnell et al., of near Keytesville, was argued before Judge W. W. Rucker last Monday, and resulted in the overruling of the motion for a new trial, which was asked for by defendants' attorneys, L. N. Dempsey and Capt. O. F. Smith. This case was tried at the last October term of circuit court, and plaintiff was awarded a verdict for the sum of \$200 and interest amounting to about \$7. The plaintiff claimed to have advanced that amount of money for the defendant, James Bushnell, in his purchase of an Otto gas engine. The defendants' attorneys will take an appeal from Judge Rucker's decision of last Monday to the Kansas City court of appeals. The grounds upon which the defendants appeal from the decision of the lower court are those of fraud alleging that Watson misrepresented the engine to defendant, James

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Bushnell. The attorneys for plaintiff are Messrs. Crawley & Son and Ed. T. Miller.

### Our Old Clothes Heard From.

Last week the editor of the COURIER made a humiliating observation to the effect that he was, through financial necessity, compelled to wear last winter's clothes, but that a good many of his delinquent subscribers were dressed in nice new suits, some of whom occupied front seats at church, too.

We don't know whether Milton J. Oldham, an old Chariton county boy, who by his own unaided efforts has obtained a good education, mastered the mysteries of Blackstone, and is now enjoying a lucrative practice as an attorney in Kansas City, attends church and occupies a front seat in his new clothes or not, but we do know that "Milt's" heart was touched by what we had to say about our old clothes, our delinquents' new clothes and front seats at church last week, and that his purse strings were loosened, as the following will show:

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 18, '96.  
Mr. C. P. Vandiver,  
Keytesville, Mo.:

DEAR SIR: I noticed in the last issue of the COURIER that the editor of that paper was still wearing last winter's clothes. I am like a great many other subscribers, in not caring if the editor does wear old clothes—they are good enough for editors. If my memory serves me right, the editor of the COURIER looks better in old clothes than any other kind. But as it appears that he is bent on having a new suit, I nevertheless send my subscription. But I ask to remind the editor of the old song, "Change not the old one for the new." Very Truly,  
M. J. OLDHAM.

### A New Divorce Law.

Judge John W. Henry, of Kansas City, has drafted a new divorce law and arranged with Col. John T. Crisp, of Jackson county, for its introduction at the coming session of the legislature. The bill will revolutionize the present method of securing divorces, and will put a stop to issuing decrees upon agreement between the parties. The bill is entitled "An act to provide for the appointment, by the court, of an attorney to defend in a divorce suit in behalf of the state, and to fix his compensation."

It has already secured the approval of Judges Scarritt and Slover. It provides:

Section 1. In every suit for divorce in which the defendant fails to appear, or appearing, fails, or declines, to make a *long file* defense, the judge of the court in which the cause is pending, in term of vacation, shall, as soon as the above facts come to his knowledge, appoint a competent attorney to defend the suit, in behalf of the state, who shall have the same authority to prepare for, and make a defense, as if employed by the defendant, and he shall be allowed by the court a reasonable fee for his services, to be paid before any final decree shall be entered in the case; and if paid by the successful party to the suit, such party, on the order of the court, shall have an execution against the other party for the amount so paid, and the court shall reset the cause for trial, at the same term, or continue it to the ensuing term at the request of the attorney so appointed, in order that he may have an opportunity for the defense; but only one such peremptory continuance shall be granted, and thereafter continuances in said cause shall be granted only as in other causes.

## The Next President

will be a Republican, but what most concerns the people in and near Keytesville at present is to know where they can get the best bargains in

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Yours Truly, L. E. COOK.